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Sports

Tyson's 4-yr-old daughter dies
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Disbelief over Calif. gay-marriage law

DECISION Some Vancouverites say they are finding it hard to understand a court decision in California to uphold a same-sex marriage ban.

The California Supreme Court yesterday upheld Proposition 8, the voter-approved law returning a ban on same-sex marriages. The 18,000 same-sex marriages that took place before the law are still valid, however.

Maxe Joanisse-Blackmore, on Davie Street, said the ruling is a step back for tolerance and will fuel more hate.

Chad Stedham said he can't understand why the U.S. is hesitant. "Why is it an issue for them?" he said.

STORY, PG 7 KELSEA BLOXAM/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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Independent candidate Vicki Huntington in Delta yesterday after being elected the MLA in Delta-South. Huntington defeated Attorney General Wally Oppal by 32 votes yesterday, after a recount of absentee ballots was completed.

'Value of the vote'

First independent in decades takes attorney general's seat

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For the first time in more than six decades an independent candidate has won a seat in the provincial legislature.

Elections B.C. declared Independent Vicki Huntington the victor in Delta-South yesterday, defeating Attorney General Wally Oppal by a mere 32 votes .

"Our elected representatives are now representing the parties, not the people," Huntington said outside the Sundance Inn in Delta, where she planned to celebrate with supporters.

"This is perhaps the first time that people have stepped forward and said, 'We want you to be accountable and we want you to represent us.'"

On election day, it appeared that Oppal had won the riding by three votes.

A recount of the election night tally, combined with 918 absentee ballots, gave Huntington 9,977 votes to Oppal's 9,945. The slim margin means there will be an automatic judicial recount.

Reversal

- Elections B.C. also announced a second election-night reversal yesterday, declaring B.C. Liberal Donna Barnett the victor in Cariboo-Chilcotin over incumbent New Democrat MLA Charlie Wyse.

Oppal, who left a relatively safe seat in Vancouver-Fraserview to run in his home riding of Delta-South, told reporters he was disappointed with the result.

As for her effectiveness as a single independent MLA, Huntington said "all I can do is speak the truth ... and let them know how people feel about issues."

She said she is not on a "collision course" with government, but will vote on issues based on how they impact Delta-South. She added she would likely support government on issues of economic importance.

"I'm hopeful that the government will understand that it's the value of the vote that is important here. That they will respect how the voters in this riding have chosen."

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Support for Gov. Gen.'s seal snack

CEREMONY Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean is being called "Canada's Sarah Palin" by a Washington, D.C. newspaper after helping to butcher a seal and eating its heart raw in an Inuit ceremony in Nunavut.

But some Vancouverites — even vegetarians — support her actions, which were meant to show solidarity with the region's struggling seal hunters.

Prof

- A UBC global studies professor says it's ignorant to condemn the governor general.

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Carl Steele, 26, a construction worker from Kitsilano, said yesterday that he didn't think the seal snack was "a big deal."

"It would be if it wasn't (eaten for) a cultural ceremony," he said, adding the move shows tolerance toward minority cultures.

Patricia Sekutowska, 22, from Vancouver, said she's a vegetarian and thinks eating animals is wrong. "But every culture has their own ceremonies that other cultures may have a problem with," she said. "It doesn't do anything negative for Canada's image."

The seal was caught — not clubbed — on Monday for a community feast to kick off Nunavut's 10th anniversary celebrations.

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Discount pass available for Capilano Suspension Bridge

B.C. residents have more incentive to stay close to home this summer with the launch of a discounted resident's pass to Capilano Suspension Bridge. The CAP2010 pass costs $20.10 — 30 per cent off the regular rate. It offers unlimited admission to the popular tourist attraction until Dec. 31, 2010. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

White Rock byelection ordered

The B.C. Supreme Court has ordered a city byelection in White Rock. The court ruled that Coun. James Coleridge, left, either wrote or authorized someone to write an email containing misleading or untrue information about his opponents. As a result, his election was declared invalid.

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Criticism of seal snack unwarranted: Professor

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JEAN The Governor General's eating of a raw seal heart is not an animal-rights issue, and any suggestion of its incivility smacks of colonial bigotry, says a University of B.C. global studies professor.

Lawrence Berg said when Michaëlle Jean took part in the traditional Inuit ritual, she was supporting a practice that its opponents condemn out of ignorance.

"(Jean) is supporting indigenous communities in the North when she's doing this," said Berg. "If she's offered something like this, it would he a slap in the face of the local community to refuse it."

Berg said Jean is being pilloried by animal-rights groups in a "re-inscription of colonial attitudes of savagery and civilization."

The seal wasn't clubbed or hunted for commercial use, and its meat was used to feed the community.

"This is quite a different context from the seal hunt that's being talked about in Europe and (leading to a potential) ban on seal products," Berg said.

Earlier this month, the European Union voted to impose a ban on seal products after years of intense lobbying by animal-rights groups.

But seal hunters in Canada's North say the ban would devastate the region, which relies heavily on the sealing industry.

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What's online today.

Video Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien's videotaped police statement will likely be his sole testimony during his influence-peddling trial at **metronews.ca/canada**

Blogs Style columnist Kenya Hunt's Acne jacket department store showdown with a shopping rival at **metronews.ca/canada**

EI recipients soar by 136%

35,470 in Lower Mainland got benefits in March: StatsCan

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The number of people receiving employment insurance benefits in Vancouver jumped by more than 20,000 in the past year, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

EI beneficiaries in the Lower Mainland rose 136 per cent, up to 35,470 people in March 2009, from 15,030 a year earlier.

"The number of beneficiaries rose more in Alberta and British Columbia than the Canadian average," said Dominique Pérusse, a senior analyst with Statistics Canada.

"In the past five months, the industries that were most affected in B.C. were construction, manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate."

Pérusse said the picture was slightly different in Vancouver, and the hardest-hit industries were manufacturing, transport and warehousing, and education services.

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Mayor Gregor Robertson at Vancouver City Hall yesterday before he headed to Seattle on a trip to build economic ties.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said yesterday before leaving on a trip to the United States that the city was working on an economic development strategy and was hoping to leverage the 2010 Olympics for economic opportunities.

"My trip down the coast to Seattle and Portland is part of a new approach to creating jobs and drawing investment to Vancouver," Robertson said.

According to StatsCan's most recent labour force survey, B.C. dropped 68,900 jobs between October and March, including 37,500 construction jobs and 19,700 manufacturing jobs.

During that period, the number of people receiving EI in B.C. rose 80.5 per cent.

Recession complicates man's quest to visit every Starbucks

KELSEA BLOXAM
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JOURNEY A man whose goal is to visit every Starbucks location in the world said the recession is making life difficult for him.

Winter, a freelance software programmer who doesn't have a last name, spent $1,400 on May 1 on a last-minute trip to Prince George, B.C., before the Starbucks there closed its doors.

He is determined not to miss any Starbucks closures in Canada and the U.S., no matter the cost, after missing one in Hillsboro, Ore.

"Initially (it's) very sad. Israel hurt in 2003, Australia hurt a lot last year. Hillsboro hurt, but I'm getting over it," Winter said.

PHOTO COURTESY WINTER

Winter stands outside a Starbucks. He has visited more than 9,000 stores with the goal of having a coffee at each Starbucks location in the world.

He was in Vancouver in April and described the baristas here as "friendlier and multicultural."

"I seem to get that sense about Canadians in general," he said. "It's probably not true, but it seems like it to me."

Winter started his journey in 1997 and claimed to have visited 9,100 stores to date, spending approximately $100,000.

"The idea arose out of discussions about how many new Starbucks were opening around Dallas and the U.S., but I actually pursued the idea out of a desire to do something unique," Winter explained.

Yesterday, Winter flew to Ireland to visit Starbucks stores across the United Kingdom.

Shaky economy good and bad for first-time home buyers: Report

REAL ESTATE For potential first-time homebuyers looking to get into Vancouver's housing market, the current economy is a double-edged sword, according to a report released yesterday by Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

The B.C. Real Estate Association reported yesterday that the average home price is forecast to decline eight per cent to 420,600 this year, instead of the 13 per cent originally forecast.

Women

- Sixty per cent of buyers entering B.C.'s housing market for the first time are women, according to Royal LePage.

But the low home prices and interest rates are balanced by an uncertain economy — and, by extension, uncertain employment prospects — that's keeping some potential homebuyers at bay, according to Royal LePage's First-Time Homebuyers' Report.

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MORE COVERAGE, PG 8

Police seek dead man's identity

INVESTIGATION Police have ruled out foul play as the cause of death in connection with a naked man found dead in the water at Wreck Beach.

The man, whom police have not been able to identify, was discovered on May 22.

An autopsy performed on Sunday ruled out homicide, RCMP said yesterday.

"The investigation to date ... has failed to identify the deceased," said Cpl Annie Linteau.

"Investigators are hopeful that a review of recent missing-persons reports will shed light on the identity of the man."

Linteau said the man was in his late 30s or early 40s, and was fit and well-groomed. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

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News in brief

KIDNAPPING Four people have been arrested for kidnapping and forcible confinement, RCMP said yesterday. Mounties said a 52-year-old man was forced into an SUV in Maple Ridge before being tied up and beaten. The victim is being treated in hospital.

RESTRICTIONS Watering restrictions come into effect across Metro Vancouver on June 1. Residents will be allowed to water their lawns for two hours in the morning and two hours at night, twice every week, until Sept. 30. For more information visit vancouver.ca.

DEATH The tugboat captain found dead in the water near Brooks Peninsula on Vancouver Island has been identified. Richard Dean Gentry, 51, disappeared on May 17 on his way to Chamiss Bay from Port McNeill. It's unclear how he died.

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Robertson wants rail experience

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said he would've loved to have ridden a train south to bolster Cascadian economic ties in Seattle and Portland — but there was no train to take.

"We have one train a day that leaves Vancouver in the evening," said Robertson yesterday. "It's not convenient."

The mayor said a second Amtrack train would generate tens of millions in economic "uptick," but is being held back by the feds who want to charge Amtrack $1,500 a day in customs and immigration costs.

The second train, as well as a potential high-speed rail link connecting Vancouver-Seattle-Portland, will be on his agenda when he meets his counterparts in the two cities this week.

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Applications being taken for rentals during Olympics

LICENCES The City of Vancouver has started accepting licence applications from people looking to rent their homes during the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Applications are also being accepted for a temporary accommodation tenant registry that would protect occupants from being evicted by their landlords to make room for high-paying tourists during the Games.

The temporary rental applications will be cross-referenced with the tenant registry and licences will not be granted if a dwelling is occupied by a tenant between June 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. For more information go to Vancouver.ca.

Arrested mom gets escort to Quebec

ACCUSED Montreal police officers are in Vancouver today to escort back a woman accused of kidnapping her daughter and bringing her to Vancouver.

Ariceli Bravo was arrested by Vancouver police after a 10-year-old girl called 9-1-1 from a SkyTrain station to say she was being abused.

Investigators said the allegations of abuse were unsubstantiated and are working to return the girl to her father.

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Surge in EI claims
The number of Canadians collecting regular employment insurance benefits grew by 65,300, or more than 10 per cent, in March, marking the biggest monthly increase since the job market began to deteriorate in October. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Montreal inquest suspended

A Quebec coroner looking into the police shooting death of Montreal teen Fredy Villanueva has suspended the inquest indefinitely after key witnesses said they wouldn't participate as a matter of principle. Villanueva was shot in a Montreal North park in August 2008 while police were trying to arrest his older brother, Dany. Two other men, Denis Meas and Jeffrey Sagor Metellus, were struck by police bullets at the same time. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Jean defends seal meal

Unapologetic Governor General backs 'ancient practices'

To some, it was a stunning gesture to native tradition worthy of Chief Dan George.

To others, it was an act of rock-star audacity that awakened memories of grizzled old bat-muncher Ozzy Osborne.

And to others still, it was just, well, gross.

However you view the spectacle of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean gobbling seal heart raw in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, there is no denying the Queen's representative now has the divisive, decades-old seal hunt controversy stuck in her teeth.

The political indigestion over Jean's meal of seal roiled loudest among animal-rights activists, who used the terms "Neanderthal" and "bloodlust" yesterday to describe how the Governor General revelled helping herself to the heart of the dripping carcass.

"It amazes us that a Canadian official would indulge such bloodlust. It sounds like she's trying to give Canadians an even more Neanderthal image around the world than they already have," said Dan Mathews, senior vice-president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

SERGEI ZVOLOV/REUTERS

Gov. Gen Michaëlle Jean has been criticized by animal-rights groups after eating part of a raw seal heart in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, but is unapologetic.

Jean was unapologetic, pronouncing her taste of seal heart to be "absolutely delicious."

"These are ancient practices that are part of a way of life," Jean said, framing her gutsy gesture as an act of solidarity with the Inuit. "If you can't understand that, you're completely missing the reality of life here."

But PETA officials said it was Jean who is missing reality.

"Our campaign is not to stop the native hunt, which accounts for only a very tiny part of Canada's seal slaughter," said Mathews.

"Far more than 90 per cent of the Canadian seal hunt is unrelated to the native peoples. What we want to stop is that huge commercial market that is all about selling baby seal skins to Norway, where they become fashion items for the Russian and Chinese markets," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Deficit to hit record $50B, Flaherty says

TORIES Canada will run a record budget deficit of more than $50 billion this year, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday as the Conservative government came under pressure to spend more on the jobless.

Flaherty raised his estimate from the $33.7-billion shortfall he forecast in the government's January budget. The deficit will be the country's first after more than a decade of surpluses.

"We are going through a deeper economic slowdown than anticipated," Flaherty said.

He blamed lower tax revenues and higher jobless benefits being paid out by Ottawa as "to be expected" in the downturn. But a bailout of General Motors and Chrysler will put even more pressure on the government's books.

"We are also seeing the substantial auto payments that are going to be required. As a result of all of that, we will run a substantial short-term deficit this year, which I would estimate at more than $50 billion," he told reporters.

Markets had anticipated a bigger deficit because the economic contraction has been sharper than expected. As a result, bond prices were little changed after Flaherty's remarks.

"The market, I think, was preparing for the fact that the deficit was probably going to be bigger than what the government initially projected, in part because their underlying growth assumptions ... had changed very rapidly," said Michael Gregory, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"It's like we squeezed many quarters of downturn into a couple quarters, so it's thrown off all the estimates."

Opposition parties immediately disparaged the government's economic performance, but the record deficit figure may make it easier for the government to rebuff their demands for even greater spending on employment insurance — a potential election trigger.

"This is a shocking number. It is higher than I think anybody had predicted," said Liberal legislator John McCallum.

But the Liberals refused to back down on their demand for looser eligibility rules for employment insurance benefits, which Prime Minister Stephen Harper has rejected.

Harper needs the support of at least one of the three opposition parties to stay in power and all three are demanding more jobless benefits. REUTERS

Old record

- The previous highest deficit, in nominal terms, was $39 billion in 1992-93, according to finance ministry data.

Border **Agreement reached**

REBECCA COOK/REUTERS

Canadian Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano address the media yesterday at a U.S. Customs Cargo facility in Detroit after signing an agreement to make the Shiprider program, which involves joint law enforcement teams stationed along the international maritime border, permanent.

Man accused of killing girl on suicide watch, lawyer says

ONTARIO The man accused of abducting and killing Victoria (Tori) Stafford is in segregation in jail and on suicide watch, says his lawyer.

"He's in a six-by-eight (foot) jail cell trying to survive," Hal Mattson told The Waterloo Region Record yesterday.

Michael Rafferty, 28, of Woodstock, Ont., is charged with first-degree murder and abduction in connection with the disappearance of eight-year-old Tori — who is still missing.

Police have been searching for Tori's remains for nearly a week in a rural area about an hour outside Woodstock.

Rafferty's girlfriend, Terri-Lynne McClintic, 18, is charged with abduction and being an accessory.

The two are scheduled to appear in court tomorrow.

Mattson, who will represent Rafferty, said the case will likely be adjourned for two weeks so he and Brennan Smart, another lawyer, can review disclosure.

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Nuclear reactor probe requested

NUCLEAR The former head of the nuclear safety watchdog yesterday called for a public inquiry into the problems with the aging reactor at Chalk River, Ont., where a shutdown last year continues to spread fears of a global shortage of medical isotopes.

Linda Keen, former president of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, also said the current crisis affecting Chalk River is worse than the prolonged closing that led to her dismissal.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BAN The Canadian government yesterday proposed a ban on fruit-flavoured cigarettes and small cigars that anti-smoking groups say are being marketed like candy to lure children into smoking. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said the industry's own internal documents showed it was using sweet flavours to entice teenagers. REUTERS

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Presto! Iggy's still here

TheWestView

Ladies and gentlemen! For my next trick, I will condemn the Tory attack ads on Michael Ignatieff without sounding like a knee-jerk Liberal.

This is a difficult trick that, to my knowledge, has never been performed in public.

Here goes.

To date, the mainstream media (MSM to alienated Tories) have decried Stephen Harper & Co.'s preference for going nuclear on the Opposition leader over defending their own governance. Many have also made the point that there's nothing wrong with spending 34 years outside the country, and have dismissed or glossed over the most telling point of the attack ads: Ignatieff was in the habit of pretending to be American or English depending on his audience at the time.

To outraged Tories, Ignatieff's alleged duplicity is critical. They maintain it's their patriotic duty to expose this imposter, this carpetbagger, this dilettante, for what he is. Imagine, this guy has spent 34 years mouthing off around the planet and now comes home expecting us to anoint him prime minister!

Hence the attack ads. It's a tough job, pilgrim, but somebody's gotta do it.

Unfortunately, the Tories are missing the point. Again. I'm not sure why Harper & Co. have such a collective tin ear, but I think it comes from years of being a "Voice Crying in the Wilderness": "They have eyes, but they do not see! They have ears, but they do not hear!" They really think we'll watch these ads, and we'll all go "Aha" and vote Tory.

Whatever you think about Michael Ignatieff, it's not going to happen. Iggy may have gone to Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge, but his post-grad political education comes courtesy Barack Obama. These days, negativity won't get you through. When he says he's here to bring people together, not tear them apart, he's found a message Canadians are ready to hear.

This Yes We Can attitude, this message of hope, appears to have completely eluded the Tories. As the governing party, they're in the unfortunate position of telling us what we can't have. But do they have to be so mean-spirited about it?

I'm sure Stephen Harper cares about this country, almost as much as he cares about running it. However, if he wants to keep his job, he'll spend less time picking on a guy who cannot only take it, but give it back double.

He needs to roll up his sleeves, put a smile on his face and take out the following ad: "This is the greatest country in the world, and together we're going to overcome the obstacles and make it even greater. Laurier had it wrong (what do you expect from a Liberal?): It's the 21st century that belongs to Canada."

Now there's a tack we're all waiting to hear.

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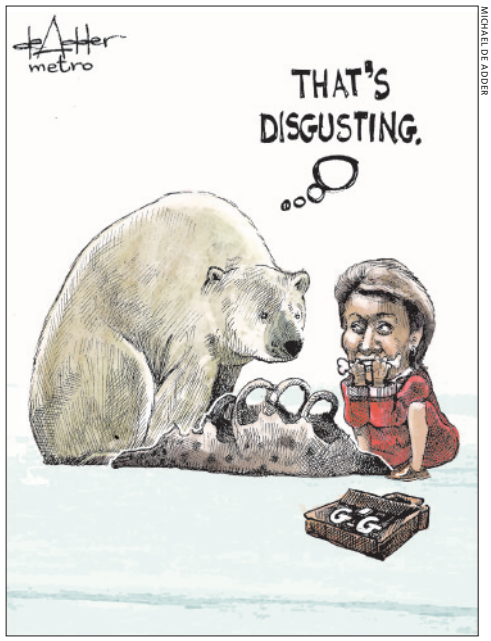

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Worth mentioning

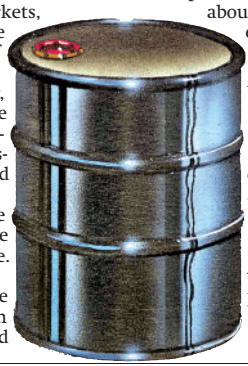
Looming oil shock would end globalization: Author

Triple-digit oil prices are once again around the corner and will sound the death knell for globalization, an audacious but sometimes prescient Canadian economist predicts in a new book.

Jeff Rubin, who until two months ago was the chief economist and strategist at investment bank CIBC World Markets, argues the days of cheap oil are over, making the global economy unsustainable and turning back the clock on the way we live.

"Everything we have taken for granted is about to change," Rubin said in an interview with Reuters a few days after the publication of his book Why Your World Is About To Get A Whole Lot Smaller: Oil And The End Of Globalization.

"Our cars, our homes, our whole world has been getting bigger in the cheap-oil era. Now it is about to get smaller. And greener. Much greener," Rubin said.



In his book, Rubin argues that an ever-decreasing amount of supply but ongoing insatiable demand for oil will propel prices to highs not yet seen.

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Word on the street: Should convicted child killers receive longer prison sentences than other convicted murderers?

Carly Jackson
age 24, Vancouver

A: Yes, they should have to serve longer because ... the kid would have had their whole life ahead of them so the murderer should have to pay for that.

Shaun Atomic
age 28, Vancouver

A: It shouldn't necessarily be a longer amount of time served, but the type of sentencing. We need to address the minds of these people.

Angel Kao
age 19, Vancouver

A: Yes and no. Child killers should have a longer sentence because they are taking away the innocence and helplessness of a child.

Kaz Bremner
age 28, Calgary

A: Not necessarily. There are more factors involved in that decision, such as motivation and circumstances around the killing.

Nicole Ryan
age 26, Toronto

A: Yes ... I don't care what your excuse is, what your background is ... They should be punished beyond punishment.

Angelle James
age 23, Halifax

A: I don't think so. A person is a person — I think it should be the same.

Metro Online Poll Results

35% SAID YES	Do you think the Liberals will topple the government before summer ends? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca*	65% SAID NO

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Pakistani PM's grounds invaded by leopard

Pakistani hunters are trying to catch a wild leopard that has been roaming the grounds of Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani's official residence since late last week. REUTERS

World

N. Korea threatens strike against South

North Korea yesterday threatened a military strike against the South a day after Seoul joined a U.S.-led initiative to intercept shipments suspected of being involved in weapons of mass destruction.

"Any hostile act against our peaceful vessels including search and seizure will be considered an unpardonable infringement on our sovereignty and we will immediately respond with a powerful military strike," a spokesman for the North's army was quoted as saying by official KCNA news agency.

The isolated Communist state defied international condemnation of its latest nuclear test by firing three short-range missiles off its east coast yesterday, and major powers considered tougher action against the isolated communist state.

North Korea has also restarted a Soviet-era plant that extracts bomb-grade plutonium, a South Korean newspaper reported yesterday.

North Korea also fired three short-range missiles Monday, and South Korean media quoted government sources as saying further missile tests were possible.

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Kandahar **Riding high**

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Passenger buses are loaded with cars for transport in Kandahar yesterday.

1 in 7 ex-Gitmo inmates return to terrorism: U.S.

DETAINEES Seventy-four, or one out of every seven, terrorism suspects formerly held at the U.S. detention site at Guantanamo Bay are confirmed or suspected of having returned to terrorism, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Of more than 530 detainees transferred from the U.S. base, 27 are confirmed and 47 suspected of "re-engaging in terrorist activity," according to a Pentagon summary.

The total of 74 has more than doubled since May 2007, when the Pentagon said about 30 had gone back to terrorist activity, and increased slightly since January, when the figure stood at 61.

REUTERS

California court upholds same-sex marriage ban

RIGHTS California's Supreme Court backed a ban on gay marriage yesterday, upholding a voter-approved proposition, but said the marriages last year of 18,000 same-sex couples were still legal.

The court, which last year opened the door to same-sex unions in the most populous U.S. state, bowed to the majority of voters who passed the ban known as Proposition 8 last November.

The argument continued in the streets of San Francisco, where supporters of gay marriage vowed to continue the fight at the ballot box as early as November 2010.

"We will not be moved. Repeal Prop 8!" shouted protesters who blocked off an intersection in a show of civil disobedience. Police began arresting them one by one.

REUTERS

Proposition 8

- The passage of Proposition 8 by a 52 per cent majority last year bucked California's reputation as a liberal trendsetter. It spurred nationwide protests by gay advocates and drew praise from social conservatives.

Rehabilitation or trials planned for Tamil Tigers

SRI LANKA More than 9,000 Tamil Tiger fighters have been questioned by judges following Asia's longest modern war and most will undergo rehabilitation, Sri Lanka's military said yesterday. Many of the remaining 2,000 who have "self-confessed" are likely to face trial.

After declaring victory over the separatists last week, Sri Lanka must now decide the fate of 262,000 people, nearly all of whom fled the fighting.

The military has said it killed 22,000 Tamil fighters and lost 6,200 of its own soldiers.

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First-time home buyers drawn in by low rates

While the economy remains a huge concern, lower home prices and interest rates are the two main ingredients that have driven Canadian first-time home buyers to buy in the spring market, according to a report released yesterday by Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

According to a poll by Pollara Research for Royal LePage, 86 per cent of Canadians say lower interest rates make them more likely to purchase a home, followed by 81 per cent who say lower housing prices are the motivating factor.

But the economy remains a stumbling block, with 76 per cent citing job security and 64 per cent saying a stable economy are important factors in their buying decisions.

Still, some buyers have returned to the market this spring, with a first-time home buyer's tax credit and a home renovation tax credit for 2009 cited by potential purchasers as influencing factors.

So far Canadian developers have avoided a disastrous spring, with new home sales down by 26 per cent in April compared to last year, representing the slowest rate of deceleration in six months.

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In brief

BANKING Bank of Montreal posted a stronger-than-expected quarterly profit yesterday, and said it was cutting 1,100 jobs, sending Canadian bank shares higher as investors bet that other big lenders reporting this week will also notch profits.

SETTLEMENT Biovail Corp. reached an agreement with its founder Eugene Melnyk that will help avoid another proxy battle like the one that disrupted its shareholder meeting a year ago. Melnyk, Biovail's largest shareholder, agreed to back the company's nominees to the board. In exchange, Canada's biggest publicly traded drug company agreed to appoint one of Melnyk's choices to the board and audit committee. REUTERS

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In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on the health industry and all jobs and careers therein. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for the special Head to Toe series.

Workology

Musical winners

Alexander Seredenko and Samuel Deason, two students of The Royal Conservatory's Glenn Gould School, in Toronto, won prizes at The Toronto Symphony Orchestra National Piano Competition, held at The Royal Conservatory last weekend. This prestigious piano competition is a biennial event and attracts Canada's finest young pianists between the ages of 16 and 25. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Shining a light in the darkest corners

Head to **Toe**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Most doctors have no trouble finding patients: they just go to the waiting room. But for doctors who have chosen to work with troubled, vulnerable people, even reaching their patients can be extremely difficult.

Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the B.C. Centre for Excellence, is one of the world's leading HIV-AIDS experts. Part of his work includes combating the disease in Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside.

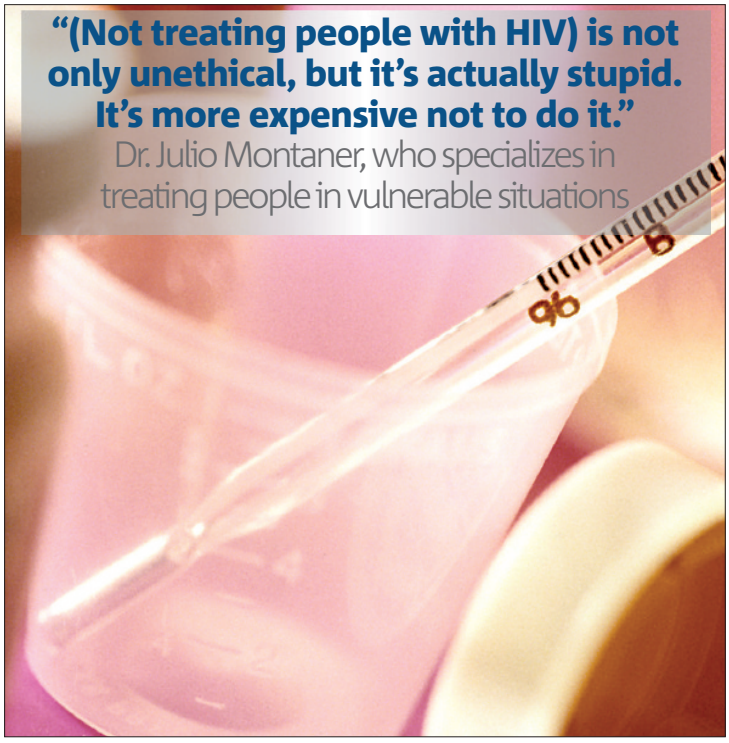
He says people on the streets have seemingly bigger problems than treating HIV.

Finding food, shelter, staying safe, dealing with mental-health problems and getting the next hit all take precedence over an invisible infection that hurts little in the early stages.

"They need places they can get services that are the number one priority for them, so that eventually … you can start addressing other issues. I always say, 'HIV is my priority, but it is not your priority,'" Montaner explains.

"The number one priority is to help these people live a better life. The second priority is to stop the stigma and discrimination that makes it so difficult to work with these individuals."

"(Not treating people with HIV) is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it."
Dr. Julio Montaner, who specializes in treating people in vulnerable situations



Part of that is decriminalizing drug use, he argues. "We can't continue to try to help these people because they have a drug problem and on the other hand, chase them around because they have five grams of marijuana in their pocket. We're working at odds with each other; we need to get our priorities straight."

Supervised injection sites and the medicinal use of heroin can help, too, he says.

"If we can give people the opportunity to engage in HIV treatment, these become life saving for them," he says. The treatment also vastly lowers the presence of the disease in the body, meaning it is much less likely they will transmit the disease. "Unless we do that, we are not going to be able to control the epidemic."

But many street people don't get treatment, meaning they get sick and die after being infected for many high-risk years. Montaner calls it a "reservoir of highly infectious cases that is not controlled."

"People are telling us that treatment for HIV is expensive; we're saying not to bring treatment to these people … is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it."

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Working moms burning out in troubled economy

EMPLOYMENT Quality time with family is the most important "to-do" on working moms' lists.

In fact, some working moms report struggling to find work/life balance as they take on additional hours and second jobs in tough financial times. Thirty per cent of working moms, whose companies have had layoffs in the past 12 months, are working longer hours and 14 per cent of working moms have taken on second jobs in the last year to help make ends meet.

One-third (34 per cent) reported they are burned out. This is according to a CareerBuilder annual survey among 496 women, employed full-time, with children under the age of 18.

Working moms are feeling increased pressure to be able to continue providing for their households and are spending more time on work. Forty per cent of working moms fear losing their jobs today more than they did one year ago. Forty-three per cent work more than 40 hours per week, while 16 per cent of working moms reported bringing work home at least two days a week.

Increased workloads are impacting the quantity and quality of time spent with their families. Nearly one-in-five working moms (19 per cent) said they spend two hours or less with their children each day. One-in-four (25 per cent) reported they had missed two or more significant events in their child's life in the last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Governor General urges Ottawa to establish university in Arctic
Governor General Michaëlle Jean is calling on the federal government to establish a university in the Arctic so Inuit youth can get a degree close to home and benefit from the region's expected economic activity. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Judges are human, even in court

WorkplaceLaw

Faced with significant changes to their compensation, employees can either leave, or lose, their jobs. Many will then turn to the courts. However, as I often write in this column, winning or losing in an employment law case can have as much to do with the judge you happen to draw as with the relative merits of your claim. Here are three cases that illustrate this uncertainty.

After 36 years at the Bank of Nova Scotia, David Chapman resigned, arguing that a reduction in his salary and the bank's failure to honour a promise amounted to his termination. In a three-year period, Chapman's base salary had remained consistent, but his overall salary had declined by 13 per cent through a reduction in his incentive compensation, such as stock options, bonus pay and shares.

Following the third straight yearly decrease, Chapman met with the bank and protested the decline in his pay. Believing there was not a sufficient interest in remedying the problem, Chapman resigned, feeling that he had no other option but to leave.

The legal doctrine of constructive dismissal permits employees to treat fundamental changes to their jobs as effectively amounting to their termination. An adverse change in an employee's pay will usually meet this test. However, Chapman's case was dismissed. The court reasoned that, despite the decline in his total pay, he had always been paid on a variable scale and still fell within the applicable salary range for his position.

A recent decision from British Columbia had the same result for Marcia Pavlis. An Investment Advisor with HSBC Securities, Pavlis argued that her employer's refusal to pay trailer fees and disability insurance in a timely fashion represented a fundamental breach of her employment contract, such that she could resign and then sue as if she had been dismissed.

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However, Pavlis was not able to show that the changes to the compensation were critical enough to consider her employment as at an end. In dismissing her case, the court commented that a 9- to 10-per-cent reduction in salary will not usually amount to a constructive dismissal, while anything more than a 15 per cent change in pay could meet that test. As the changes to Pavlis' salary had been negligible, she had to accept them or voluntarily resign.

Contrast these cases with the recent Ontario decision involving Lawrence Doran and Ontario Power Generation Inc. Here, a number of changes were established that would have had the effect of reducing Doran's compensation by 15 per cent. Although OPG argued that the changes were applied consistently to all executive-level employees and were necessary from a business perspective, the court was not convinced. It found that Doran was permitted to treat his employment as at an end given the changes to his pay, in which case he would receive the same severance pay as if he had simply been fired.

What can employees and employers take from these cases?

- Judges are human. They will decide cases based on their subjective predispositions of right and wrong as much as they do based on precedent or merit.

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Meetings simply not necessary: Survey

SURVEY Professionals should think twice before scheduling that next meeting, a survey suggests. Managers interviewed said 28 per cent of these gatherings are a waste of time. Moreover, almost half of respondents (45 per cent) felt employees would be more productive if their company banned meetings one day a week.

In the OfficeTeam survey executives were asked, "What percentage of meetings do you feel are unnecessary?"

Executives also were asked, "How much more or less productive do you believe your employees would be if your company banned meetings one day a week?"

"Businesses are operating with lean teams, which implies more people are stretched for time," said Robert Hosking, executive-director of OfficeTeam. "Sometimes meetings outlive their original purpose, so professionals should carefully consider whether one is warranted or if there's a more efficient way to share the information."

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Straighten up to good health

Head to **Toe**

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Melvine Baird didn't consult a school counsellor or attend a job fair to find her career calling.

Instead, the Torontonian turned her youthful pain into her adult profession.

"I had quite severe back problems when I was younger, to the extent that they were considering orthopedic surgery," said 32-year-old Baird.

"I started seeing a chiropractor, which completely negated the need for surgery and it took away the majority of my pain and disability."

So satisfied was Baird with how chiropractic care alleviated her affliction that she opted to enter the profession herself. Already with an undergraduate psychology degree in hand, she enrolled in Toronto's Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. Today, she operates her own chiropractic practice at the Yorkville Centre for Integrated Health.

In a chiropractor's line of work, Baird said practitioners are concerned with the body's neuro-muscular-skeletal system, which consists of nerves, muscles and bones, in relation to how the spine and central nervous system are functioning.

"Everything in your body is controlled through your brain and spinal cord. That spinal cord is housed in your spine. So, your spine is like the highway for your central nervous system," she said.

"What chiropractic care does is works to ensure that your nervous system is functioning properly. That will promote the health and wellness of the rest of your body."

So, for problems from lower back pain and carpal tunnel syndrome to headaches and jaw problems, Baird said chiropractic care can provide effective treatment. "Basically, anywhere where there's joints involved, a chiropractor can be quite helpful."

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Having her own back problems in her youth alleviated by a chiropractor prompted Melvine Baird to train to become a chiropractor herself.

Chiropractors don't have the ability to issue medical prescriptions like other doctors, said Baird, but instead use their hands and sometimes technologies like ultrasound and low-level laser therapy to apply treatment.

"There are hundreds of chiropractic techniques out there," she said, "but ultimately, we're all doing the same thing. Just how you get there might be a little bit different."

To become a chiropractor in Canada, prospective students may attend one of two schools in the country that offer registered chiropractic programs — the Toronto-based Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College or the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

According to the Canadian Chiropractic Association, students must complete at least three years of university to be eligible for entry to the four-year program at the CMCC, or a CÉGEP health science program before enrolling in UQTR's five-year program.

"Basically, anywhere where there's joints involved, a chiropractor can be quite helpful."
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Healing whole communities

Head to **Toe**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

For nurses like Danielle Latulippe-Larmand, 47, helping the sick goes beyond physical and mental health — it's about transforming entire communities for the better.

"For me nursing was always about helping people. You want to be able to change communities to make things better for people," Latulippe-Larmand said.

Latulippe-Larmand works at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, helping patients who are often struggling to regain control of their own lives. Having now worked for more than 25 years throughout the field of psychiatric nursing, Latulippe-Larmand feels a profound sense of duty to help the mentally ill — people she believes are the most marginalized within society.

"A lot of people are uncomfortable around people who are mentally ill. At the end of the day these people are just like me and you, they were just unfortunate enough to get an illness. The stigma is getting better but it's still there," she said.

Negative perceptions about working with the mentally ill persist even within the nursing field itself, Latulippe-Larmand says, making it harder to bring new nurses into fields such as psychiatric nursing.

"It's about making sure these people have rights and improving the quality of their lives. These people have feelings, they have lives. Yes, they're sick but they are people."
Nurse Danielle Latulippe-Larmand

"A lot of nursing students when they get out of university are told, 'Don't go into psych yet,' so we face a stigma even among our colleagues," Latulippe-Larmand said.

The continual nursing shortage in Canada forces nurses to work longer hours and deal with more patients, something Latulippe-Larmand says is definitely putting pressure on the entire health system.

Latulippe-Larmand was just 20 when she graduated with a nursing degree in Quebec. She quickly moved to Toronto in 1982 to find work since nursing jobs were scarce in Quebec while Toronto was in the throes of an enormous nurse shortage. She refers to all of her patients as her "clients" and, contrary perhaps to popular beliefs about nursing, Latulippe-Larmand's work goes far beyond the hospital ward — she spends a large amount of time doing advocacy for her clients, including helping them find and keep a roof over their heads, get into schools or training programs or even manage their day-to-day affairs. When clients pass away, Latulippe-Larmand is often the only person left to make funeral arrangements or finalize affairs.

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"These people have feelings, they have lives. Yes, they're sick but they are people," Latulippe-Larmand said.

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Nurse Danielle Latulippe-Larmand, working as a nurse at Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, helps care for the mentally ill.

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Canseco clobbered

Former baseball slugger Jose Canseco didn't last long in his debut in mixed martial arts. Canseco was stopped by super-heavyweight Hong Man Choi just one minute, 17 seconds into the first round at Yokohama Arena in Yokohama, Japan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Wozniak advances

Aleksandra Wozniak, left, of Blainville, Que., won her opening French Open match at Roland Garros yesterday, needing three sets to defeat Monica Niculescu of Romania 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. The 24th-seeded Wozniak is the first Quebecer to ever be seeded at the Open. She's scheduled to play her second-round match tomorrow against Petra Martic.

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Tyson's daughter, 4, dies after accident

PHOENIX The four-year-old daughter of former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has died, a day after being found with cord tied around her neck in an apparent accident at her home, Phoenix police said yesterday.

Media reports said Exodus Tyson was playing near some exercise equipment when she accidentally got tangled in a cord or rope hanging from a treadmill on Monday. She was taken to a Phoenix hospital in critical condition.

Police said the incident appeared to be an accident.

The girl was home with her mother when the accident occurred Monday. Tyson was not in Phoenix at the time, but was shown on television arriving at the hospital later that day.

The former world heavyweight champion has six children by several different women. REUTERS

Sports in brief

SOCCER The Vancouver Whitecaps host the Montreal Impact in their fourth game of the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup tonight at Swangard Stadium. A win over Montreal would give Vancouver six points in the tournament for a tie with Toronto FC.

NHL The Edmonton Oilers named Pat Quinn as the club's head coach yesterday, adding former Rangers head man Tom Renney as an associate coach.

HOCKEY Sergei Fedorov appears ready to leave the Washington Capitals and play in the Kontinental Hockey League next season. Citing Russian sources, RDS.ca reports that Fedorov is ready to sign a two-year deal with Metallurg Magnitogorsk. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pens complete sweep

Pittsburgh will be in Stanley Cup final for second straight year

Stanley Cup
2009 **Playoffs**

(Pittsburgh wins series 4-0)

Pittsburgh 4 **Carolina** 1

VS

Maxime Talbot registered a goal and two assists as Pittsburgh swept Carolina and captured its second straight Eastern Conference crown with a 4-1 win at RBC Center.

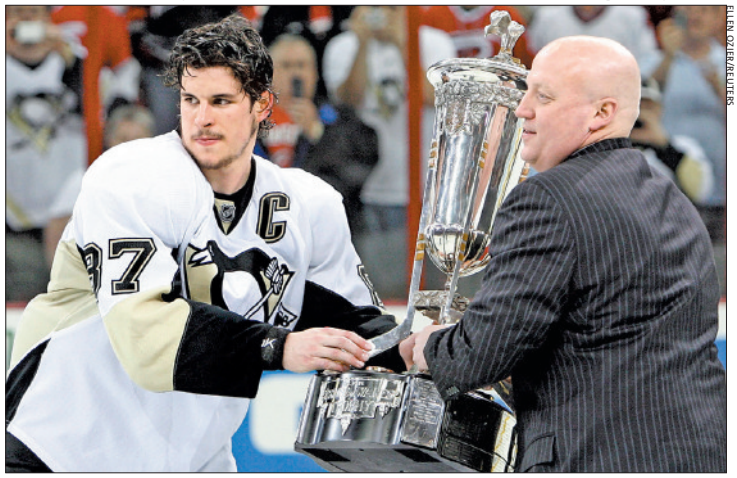
Ruslan Fedotenko, Bill Guerin and Craig Adams also scored for the Penguins, who are the first team to reach the Stanley Cup finals in consecutive years since New Jersey accomplished the feat in 2000 and 2001.

Sidney Crosby collected two helpers, while Marc-Andre Fleury was strong between the pipes, making 30 saves in the win.

Detroit subdued Pittsburgh in six games to celebrate their 11th title in team history a year ago. A rematch is seemingly in the works with the Red Wings holding a 3-1 series lead over Chicago in the West finals. The last club to hoist the Cup the year after losing in the final was the 1984 Edmonton Oilers.

Eric Staal lit the lamp for Carolina, which hadn't dropped a playoff series since it was erased in five games by Detroit in the 2002 Stanley Cup finals.

Cam Ward stopped 21 shots in the defeat. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Pittsburgh centre Sidney Crosby accepts the Prince of Wales trophy from NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly after defeating the Carolina Hurricanes to sweep the NHL Eastern Conference finals and advance to the Stanley Cup final for the second straight year.

Orlando pushes Cleveland to brink in OT

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(Orlando leads series 3-1)

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VS

BASKETBALL The Orlando Magic moved one victory closer to their second trip to the NBA finals, this time surviving a miss from league MVP LeBron James at the final buzzer in overtime.

Dwight Howard scored 27 points and pulled down 14 rebounds, and the Magic held on for a 116-114 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

James totalled 44 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, but also accounted for eight of Cleveland's 14 turnovers. Mo Williams scored 18 and Delonte West chipped in 17 in defeat.

Rafer Alston added 26 points for the Magic. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Former Canuck Zezel dead at 44

HOCKEY Former NHL player Peter Zezel passed away at a Toronto hospital yesterday after a long battle with a blood disorder.

Zezel, 44, spent the last 10 years being treated for haemolytic anaemia, a disorder in which red blood cells are destroyed faster than the body can replace them. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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About 450,000 Canadians visit the Punta Cana-Bavaro region each year, and a number of Canadians settle in Punta Cana to live. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Where's the lounge?

Priority Pass, a worldwide independent airport lounge program, has launched a new iPhone application to let users search its database of over 600 airport lounges. Travellers at airports can request details of the closest lounge, and then locate it using GPS. The application, Priority Pass lounge finder, is available on the iTunes App Store. Travellers with mobile internet access from other phones can visit prioritypass.com/mobile to search for lounges by entering an airport code. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Journeying to the Lost World

Venezuela's billion-year-old tepuys are an epic destination

DOMINIC HAMILTON
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Left, Venezuela's Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall, and Ayuan Tepuy. Right, the flat top of Mount Roirama, another tepuy, rises above a bank of clouds.

Waterfalls are popular places. There's something about them that makes people gush with torrents of praise and wonder. You have honeymooners' Niagara, of course, and then Africa's Victoria Falls, and the likes of Iguazu on the Brazil-Argentina border.

But although these are worthy of praise, the falls which tower above them all is the loftily-titled Angel Falls, in deepest, darkest Venezuela.

Angel Falls is massive. It's so tall its waters separate into a million dancing droplets by the time they reach the forest canopy below, where rainbows arc at its feet. It's the height of sixteen Niagaras piled atop one another: a near-kilometre of free falling water.

The falls vault from a canyon that prises open the vertical cliffs Auyan Tepuy, or Auyan mountain. Auyan, the largest of the unique mesa mountain tepuys of the ancient Guyana Shield, rises 2,510 metres (8,233 ft) in south-eastern Venezuela. The entire region is protected by the jewel in Venezuela's already shining crown of national parks, Canaima National Park — one of the world's largest.

Arthur Conan Doyle based his adventure yarn, The Lost World, on reports by Victorian explorers to the region. It was widely believed that life on top of the mesa mountains, isolated from the world, could have been suspended in its evolutionary development. The possibility of dinosaurs still existing on the mountains has fired the imagination of every visitor since then.

Although no dinosaurs have been found to date, the summits of the mountains do harbour some fascinating creatures, most of them found on one mountain, and nowhere else.

Our "modern" age has been no less susceptible to the magic and mystique of this remote region. Rumours of UFO activity abound, and the indigenous Pemon Indians still maintain the mountains are home to mischievous spirits.

Perhaps it would be more poetic if the name Angel Falls derived from a miraculous saintly figure that once appeared to an Indian, or echoed the shape of its white plume cascading down from the heavens.

The truth, however, is far more entertaining, and, in a land rich in gold and diamonds, far more appropriate.

It's named after a maverick bush pilot called Jimmie Angel, a Canadian Air Force pilot of the First World War with a penchant for redheads, and a passion for gold.

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Drawing on nature

- The new Disney 3-D animated film, Up, which is to be released on Friday, is about the journey of a lifetime (via a house tied to thousands of balloons) to Venezuela's mystical formations known as tepuys, and to a fictional waterfall called Paradise Falls, which is based on Angel Falls. A Disney production team actually made the arduous journey to the tepuys in order to capture the prehistoric and otherwordly ambience of the area.

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Off the beaten path

TripAtlas.com's list of non-typical dream honeymoon destinations include Marrakech; Kauai; the Austrian countryside; lesser-known Bahamas islands such as Long Island, Eleuthera and Exumas; Buenos Aires; Puerto Vallarta; and Fiji's Turtle Island. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ALBERTO L. POMARES G.

A panoramic view of Angel Falls, named after the adventurous Canadian pilot Jimmie Angel, and Ayuan Tepuy, a flat-topped formation akin to a mesa.

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In 1921, Angel was contracted to fly to one of the Guyana Shield's mountains, called tepuys by the Pemon. He landed his plane atop one of them, where his contractor proceeded to pan a river, and fill a sack, so the story goes, full of gold nuggets. So many, in fact, Angel feared they wouldn't be able to take off again with the extra weight. As they nosed off the mountain, the plane plunged thousands of feet before Angel managed to level out.

So began Angel's obsession with the River of Gold, taking his place in the long line of adventurers who have raked the region in search of El Dorado. Over the following years, he persuaded various backers to fund his trips in search of "his" mountain. He never found it. But in 1933, Angel returned from a trip very excited. This time it wasn't a river, gold, a tepuy or even a red-head that had caught his imagination, but a waterfall. He claimed to have sighted surely the tallest in the world.

"A waterfall a mile high," he claimed.

Tell us another tall story, retorted the other regulars at the bar.

On a flight in 1937, Angel attempted to land on the surface of the Auyan mountain. His small plane stuck in a bog. He and his party, which included his wife, were forced to find a way down. They eventually made it to a nearby mission 11 days later — somewhat slimmer. This time though, they all got a good look at the falls, and Angel's story didn't look so tall after all.

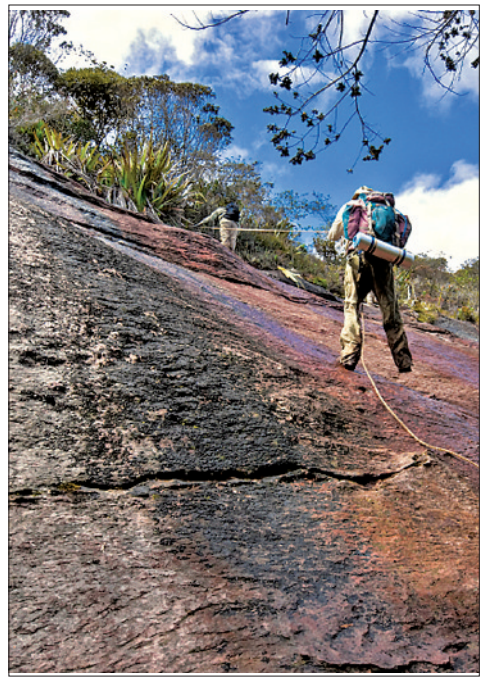
Today, you can see Angel's rescued plane at the airport in Ciudad Bolívar, a city on the banks of the Orinoco.

"The most rewarding way to visit is to stay overnight slung in a hammock, and climb to the lookout beneath the falls at the crack of dawn."

And you can follow Angel's flight path in a small Cessna right past the falls as it cascades off the intimidating Auyan mountain. But the best way to truly appreciate the grandeur of the falls is to take a boat trip to its base. River-depth permitting, motorized dugout canoes piloted by local Pemon make the trip up from the idyllic shores of Canaima Lagoon.

You can do the trip in a day, but the most rewarding way to visit is to stay overnight slung in a hammock, and climb to the lookout beneath the falls at the crack of dawn.

Then, as the sun's rays rise from the east, they slowly edge their way down the mountain's cathedral façade, bathing the falls in pure golden light. It's just as well Angel's surname wasn't Smith.



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Basic climbing on Ayuan Tepuy.

Good to know

Getting to Angel Falls

- The village of Canaima, gateway to Angel Falls, is at the north-western edge of Canaima National Park, northwest of Auyan Tepuy. Canaima may be touristy by many standards, and the original Horturvensa camp's architecture somewhat disappointing, but the overall effect is magical.
- The alternative is to begin your trip in either Kavak (visiting the mysterious canyon) or Kamarata. From the latter, you take a dugout, passing Angel Falls and ending in Canaima.

When to go

- You can only travel by dugout up the Río Churún in the rainy season, which runs from April-May to late November. However, trips might be possible on the fringes of these months as well — though you might have to get out of your boat more often! At other times, the only way to see the falls is by plane.

More information

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A planned code-share partnership between low-cost carriers WestJet Airlines Ltd. and Southwest Airlines Co will be delayed because of a sharp slowdown in air travel, WestJet has announced. The program would have seen the two airlines selling seats on each other's flights. REUTERS

Goodbye Vegas, hello Macau

The world economy may be slumping, but don't tell that to Macau — the former Portuguese colony is set to trump Las Vegas heading out of the worst global downturn since the Great Depression.

In the smoke-filled gambling halls of Macau's MGM Mirage casino, hundreds of Chinese gamblers were crammed around tables flipping cards, playing roulette and rolling dice on a recent day, seemingly unaffected by the slowdown.

The ace up the sleeve of Macau, the world's biggest gambling market — and a day trip from Hong Kong — is this steady influx of risk-loving Chinese flocking to the only place in China where casinos are legal. Las Vegas, on the other hand, is saddled with a stagnant U.S. economy and glut of new casinos preparing to enter the market.

"We've seen better-than-expected performance in the overall gaming market of Macau," said Credit Suisse analyst Gabriel Chan. "Vegas is still suffering and will take a longer time to recover, but in Macau, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Macau, a special administrative region that is now under Chinese rule, will be more resilient than Las Vegas thanks to its proximity to China, which is propping up its economy with a massive $586 billion US stimulus package to offset a big drop in exports, analysts said.

Despite recent declines, Macau's gaming revenue is likely to return to a growth track by September and post a 6.2 percent rise in 2010, BNP Paribas forecasts. Las Vegas revenues are likely to remain depressed next year as operators have to contend with a stream of new casino openings. "There will be a fairly dramatic increase in supply over the next couple of years ... at a time when Las Vegas is struggling to fill the rooms that it has right now," said Susquehanna Financial analyst Robert LaFleu.

Luxury projects such as MGM Mirage's massive CityCenter will start opening later this year, increasing by more than 10 per cent the number of hotel rooms along the Vegas gambling corridor. REUTERS

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Casino cleaning staff work in a garden in front of a billboard displaying slot machines in Macau.

World's greatest ceilings

Michelangelo's painted ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome may be the most lauded in the ceiling world, but it's far from the only one worth straining your neck to see. The editors and members of travel website VirtualTourist.com have compiled a list of the World's Top 10 Greatest Ceilings, apart from the Sistine Chapel:

1 Bellagio Hotel; Las Vegas The coloured disks that float on the ceiling of the Bellagio may look like multi-coloured jellyfish, but they are in fact thousands of hand-blown glass flowers. Like the town itself, it has to be seen to be believed.

2 Debre Berhan Selassie Church; Gonder, Ethiopia You'd never guess by looking at the outside of this small, relatively simple church that such stunning artwork graces the inside. It's said that none of the 104 winged cherubs that dot the ceiling are alike.

3 Grand Central Station; New York City Once covered in black grime, this ceiling was restored in the 1990s as part of the station's renovation and now depicts several signs of the zodiac in beautiful sea-green and gold hues. There's even a little patch that was left dirty just to show the difference between the "before" and "after."

4 Galeries Lafayette Department Store; Paris The glass domed ceiling at the famed department store attracts as many tourists as shoppers. Unveiled in 1912, the dome is overshadowed only by the view from the store's terrace.

5 Khai Dinh Tomb; Hue, Vietnam It took 11 years to complete, but the results are pretty astounding with the ceiling featuring nine hand-painted dragons in fine, fleeting clouds.

6 Sant'Ignazio Church; Rome It's almost impossible to believe when looking at this multi-dimensional painting that the surface is actually flat. Perhaps one of the most incredible examples of "Trick of the Eye" paintings ever completed, it's a clear rival with its more famous nearby neighbour — the Sistine Chapel

7 Sagrada Familia; Barcelona No one could ever say this building was constructed too hastily. Started in the 1800s and still unfinished, the imposing forest-like ceiling is as original as the rest of the Gaudi-designed church.

8 Central Rotunda, Griffith Park Observatory; Los Angeles Designed by Hollywood art director turned muralist Hugo Ballin, the subtle, circular painting depicts the signs of the zodiac and other celestial objects. An interesting side note: Ballin was a sketch artist on the film The Wizard of Oz, which might explain the ceiling's whimsical look.

9 Macy's Department Store; Chicago This genuine Tiffany ceiling is so incredible it's enough to distract even the most ardent shopaholic. Over 100 years old, it's composed of more than 1.6 million pieces of glass and is considered by many to be one of the best examples of Tiffany craftsmanship ever constructed.

10 Opera Garnier; Paris Although the primary function of the building is to provide a stage for the city's extraordinary ballet company, Marc Chagall's ceiling mural is a show in itself. Thought to be somewhat incongruous with the building's architecture, it was the source of much controversy when it was added in 1964. REUTERS

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Visitors to Las Vegas check out the fountain display in front of the Bellagio Hotel.

Nicole, Joel go eco-friendly
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Camaro comeback

LORNE DRURY
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These are trying times for the folks at General Motors.

So it was nice to see some smiles on the faces of Chevrolet executives as they recently introduced the long-awaited 2010 Camaro to assembled members of the media on the outskirts of the Motor City.

Blog sites and forums have been filled with chat about the new Camaro. And before production had even begun, Chevy had pre-sold 14,000 units and had more than 15.5 million Camaro hits on its website.

The Camaro is available with both V6 and V8 engines combined with either six-speed automatic or manual transmissions.

And best of all, fuel economy is decent for a performance car, delivering an estimated 6.9l/100 km (41 mpg) highway with the peppy 304 hp 3.6-litre V6 engine.

True to its heritage, the Camaro is also offered in SS trim with a powerful

2010 Chevy Camaro

400 hp (426 hp with the manual transmission) 6.2-litre V8. Prices start at $26,995 for the V6 LS model and $36,995 for the SS.

While the Camaro name dates back more than 40 years to 1967, Chevy executives insist this isn't a retro car.

In fact, the goal is to attract younger, well-educated buyers to Chevrolet with the Camaro and the marketing types at GM forecast only a third of all buyers will be performance enthusiasts, drawn to the car for nostalgic reasons. These are the buyers who will go for the powerful V8.

Built on GM's new rear-wheel drive Zeta platform like the Pontiac G8, the Camaro draws its styling lines from the iconic '69 first-generation model while at the same time offering modern-day features such as independent rear suspension, six standard air bags and even a cylinder de-activation system in the V8 automatic that helps save on fuel.

Does the modern, sharper styling work with the Camaro?

Well the buying public will be the judge and during our half-day ride and drive just outside Detroit, the Camaro sure attracted attention. Heads turned, camera phones were pointed our way and even the local constabulary came out in one small town to take a close-up look along with a number of locals. The car is an attention-getter, no doubt.

The Camaro is particularly striking from a rear view, with a muscular look thanks to the wide haunches. All versions get dual exhausts, adding to the muscle car appeal.

2010 Chevy Camaro

Type: Sports coupe
Price: $26,995 to $40,995
Engine: 3.6-litre direct injected V6 (304 hp, 273 lb/ft) with manual or automatic transmissions; 6.2-litre 16 valve OHV V8 (426 hp, 420 lb/ft manual or 400 hp, 410 lb/ft automatic)

Highlights

- Great muscle car appeal, especially from the rear
- Decent fuel economy

AutoPilot
Michael Goetz

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Insight into green heart of Canada

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Sunny Side

It's rare when an automaker launches a car so in tune with the market's demand for cleaner rides.

It's rarer still when the automaker's official launch pays little attention to the product itself, especially in these tough economic times, and more on Canadians and their bid to live greener and healthier.

That's the case for Honda and its reincarnated gasoline-electric hybrid, the 2010 Insight.

The Japanese carmaker recently organized a cross-Canada tour, Insight Into Canada, with the first new model to hit our shores.

The unique road trip from Victoria, B.C., to St. John's, Nfld. drew attention to not only Insight's excellent fuel-efficiency and small carbon footprint, but also on eco-friendly projects, large and small, that corporations and everyday Canadians are working on today — a green car connecting with green communities.

In Ontario, the Insight entourage explored environmentally conscious building solutions at the Earth Rangers' headquarters in Maple.

The group is dedicated to not only educating children about energy and water conservation, but also make them understand the importance of local ecology.

"We want to be Terry Fox for the environment," said Peter Kendall, Earth Rangers' executive director. "We're trying to teach the kids that it's not just about planting trees. It's about full habitat restoration."

The Insight team witnessed similar initiatives across Canada, including a community garden in Castlegar, B.C.

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Cole out of hospital

Natalie Cole has been discharged from the hospital five days after undergoing a kidney transplant. Cole headed home on Sunday to continue her recovery, her rep confirms to People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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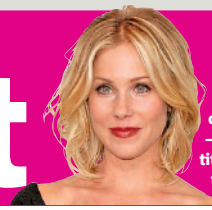

Series saver

Christina Applegate has become the latest celebrity to launch a campaign to save their TV show — she is urging fans to sign a petition for her axed series Samantha who? FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Brothers Bloom blur line between reality, fantasy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Adrien Brody

The Brothers Bloom is one of those movies that must have been an actor's dream to make. And by dream, I mean psychoanalytically.

The quirky comedy tells the tale of two con-artist siblings — older brother Stephen (Mark Ruffalo), who always masterminds the swindle while his disheartened kin Bloom (Adrien Brody) reluctantly plays the lead role, secretly yearning for a life that hasn't been written and conceived by his brother.

Now that's got to get into an actor's head, doesn't it?

"There's a certain kind of crossover that happens," admitted Ruffalo during an interview to promote the film (which opens Friday). "I've been working a lot for the past couple of years and you realize you're probably spending more time as somebody else than you are yourself in the course of a day. It's a little dislocating."

"Interestingly, I've gained insight and understanding in my own life from fictional characters I've played because of the work to try and understand their dilemmas," added Brody, who won the Oscar for his role in The Pianist.

Written by acclaimed director Rian Johnson, The Brothers Bloom blurs the lines between reality and fantasy creating something of a frenetic fable-heist story. For those who haven't yet discovered the filmmaker through Brick, his bizarre-but-fascinating freshman noir-drama, the fresh sensibilities will undoubtedly be a new cinematic experience.

"This was such a unique experience for me as an actor," added Brody. "Stylistically and storytelling-wise, it's very complex and rich."

Big screen benders

Alcohol can make for intoxicating entertainment on film

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In The Hangover, opening June 5, a trio of stag-party pals search for a lost groom.

From silent-era films earning laughs at the antics of liquored-up louts, to sobering award-winning portrayals of addiction in movies like The Lost Weekend and Leaving Las Vegas, alcohol has always made for intoxicating entertainment in Hollywood.

Now, with the unavoidable hype building around The Hangover (in theatres June 5), alcohol may once again come to the forefront leaving the Las Vegas-set comedy with a lot of admirers.

However, in spite of all the laughs in this knee-slapper about a trio of stag-party pals searching for their lost, besotted groom, a question is being raised — are films featuring alcohol-use doing more harm than good? There's a movement that thinks so.

In fact, a recent survey by Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire has found that almost 42 per cent of parents agreed that the appearance of alcohol consumption should warrant a movie the dreaded "R" rating.

While concerned guardians don't have to worry about The Hangover (although it's American R, rating varies province to province in Canada), the comedy was not likely branded that in the U.S. because of scenes involving booze.

Surprisingly, the Motion Picture Association of America (which rates movies) doesn't reportedly take alcohol into account among its rating factors.

Perhaps more surprising was the fact that parents in the study seemed more concerned about alcohol-consumption than smoking on film despite past research linking the risk of teen smoking to the cinema.

Movie feature

According to lead author Meghan Longacre, that attitude may reflect "a greater concern with the negative consequences of teen drinking that may seem more immediate and dire to parents, such as drinking and driving, compared to the longer-term health consequences of smoking."

While nobody is saying The Hangover should be avoided, it's important to note it is entertainment that's intended for older audiences. Still, there's no denying the film contains the kind of humour that will inevitably appeal to younger audiences and critics say that is what ratingboards should be wary of.

Regardless, alcohol-use on film is still mostly portrayed as a weakness or warning so no matter how much fun audiences have watching The Hangover, the message will still inevitably be the same — drink too much and you might lose friends.

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No regrets for young mom

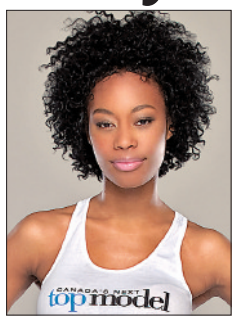
BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Canada's Next Top Model host Jay Manuel greeted 20 women in Toronto on the show's third season premiere last night, the model wannabes knew there must be more people present than positions on the show.

Manuel called nine women to stand beside him, causing those remaining to quiver. But they were really being duped. The women he called were already real models — his joking way of welcoming the competitors while still inciting a little bit of fear.

It was also when the fun and games stopped.

The new batch of models-in-training were thrown right into their first competition — a photo to shoot with photographer Nigel Barker, also a judge on America's Next Top Model. The girls posed in wild 1980s fashions alongside complementing wild animals. But the shoot was too savage for Penticton, B.C.,'s Alexandra McCallum, who dropped out early due to sustained hip pain from a recent auto accident.



Tiffany MacDonald

The shoot's fierce flavour was also an unlucky introduction for 23-yeard-old Tiffany MacDonald of Toronto, criticized by the judges for her shyness and lack of projected confidence. Unable to deliver the demeanour sought by the judges, she was the first to be sent home.

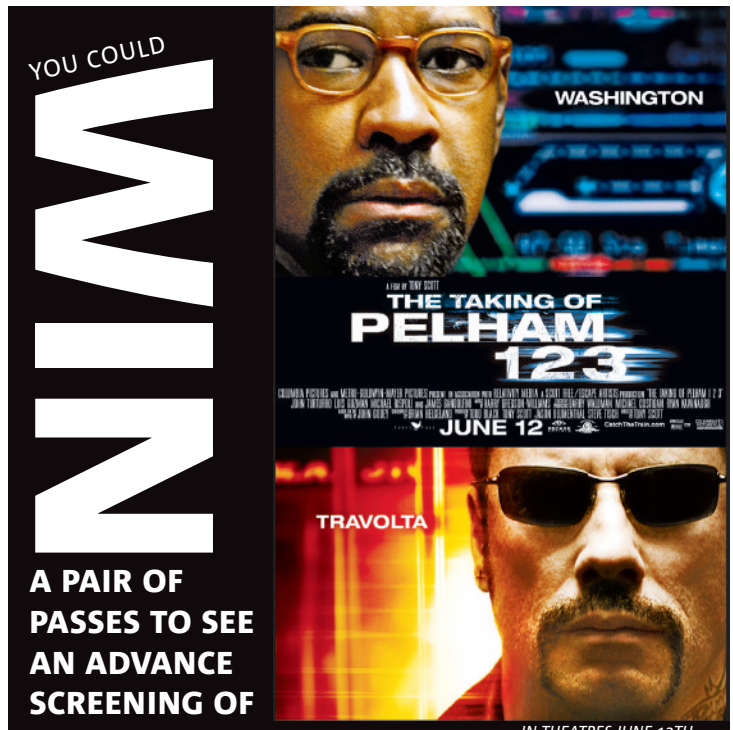
"Obviously you don't want to be the first one kicked off," said MacDonald. "I felt maybe the judges misunderstood my presence there — that they questioned how bad I wanted it ... I definitely wanted it bad enough."

MacDonald said she was surprised a judging even took place that week, given McCallum's premature departure. And given a free pass to stick around, she said she would have conformed to the criticism she received. "I know I would have rocked the next photo to shoot. I've never had any type of modeling experience before, so I would have taken all criticism and just rolled with it."

One point of contention she couldn't control was her then eight-month-old son she left at home to pursue the Top Model title, which judge Jeanne Beker raised as a concern.

"Yes, I'm a mom. So what?" MacDonald said. "I don't think it was a fair judgment to hold against me."

But MacDonald holds no grudges. She'll continue to pursue modeling, she said, and left the show regret-free. "I definitely took away friendship, criticism that I could definitely apply in my daily life and an experience of a lifetime — something I will never regret, no matter how it panned out for me."



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In brief

VIDEO AWARDS this year, the MuchMusic Video Awards will go Gaga. Sexy electronic dance star Lady Gaga is the latest performer to be added to the 2009 MMVAs roster. The outdoor show that annually packs fans outside the MuchMusic headquarters in Toronto takes place this year on June 21. That's when Gaga will join previously announced co-hosting act the Jonas Brothers, who will also take the stage to perform.

Lady Gaga

"I'm so excited," Gaga told Metro on the phone from Australia, where she's touring with the Pussycat Dolls. "I'm planning the performance already, and I can't wait to do something amazing."

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

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Kenya Hunt
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The Goode Family
Mike Judge ("King of the Hill") unleashes his biting and off-kilter comic perspective on the topic of runaway political correctness as personified by the Goodes, a clan whose mantra of WWAGD — "What Would Al Gore Do?" — motivates them to follow a strict vegan diet, drive a hybrid auto, recycle their brains out and do everything they can to reduce their carbon footprint. Judge and Nancy Carell head the voice cast in this animated sitcom. 9:01 PM on ABC

Wipeout
A new batch of contestants competes for $50,000 and faces some new hurdles in this wacky show's extreme obstacle course, including Plank in the Face, Hurtles, Gyro Sweeper and the all-new Wipeout Zone, with the Catapult, Gears of Doom and more. The fan favorite, the Big Balls, comes with a new wrinkle as well: the Motivator, a massive anvil that pushes players into the Big Balls if they hesitate. 5 PM on STR

Kylie says yes

Kylie Minogue is engaged, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old singer was reportedly thrilled when her Spanish boyfriend of seven months, Andres Velencoso, popped the question during a romantic trip to New York earlier this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Amy drops the ball again

DOWNHILL FROM HERE Mark Ronson's dream of recording another track with Amy Winehouse has come crashing to the ground after the troubled singer failed to turn up to the studio to finish their Quincy Jones tribute, female-first.co.uk reports.

The producer was at the mixing deck for Winehouse's 2006 global smash LP Back To Black and the pop star returned the favour the following year by singing Valerie for Ronson's cover album Version.

But the pair failed to recreate their magic last summer when they were approached to compose a Bond theme for Quantum Of Solace — with White Stripes rocker Jack White and Alicia Keys eventually landing the song.

Ronson was due to return to the studio with his muse to record a new version of Lesley Gore's You Don't Own Me for an upcoming album in honour of music industry legend Jones. But their collaboration has reportedly been dropped from the project — and a disappointed Ronson appears to have given up hope on convincing Winehouse to wrap up the project.

He says, "The track isn't finished and she's not around. If she's not here, then unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it."

It's the latest in a series of career blows for Winehouse, who was recently forced to abandon plans for a comeback concert in London days after she was admitted to hospital on the Caribbean island.

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Jen's pampered pet pal

DOG PERSON Jennifer Aniston's dog has a director's chair on the set of her new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old actress is so close to her pet Norman, she brings him to set when she is shooting The Baster.

A source told the National Enquirer magazine: "Norman is important in Jennifer's life, but the crew is fed up with having to dote on him. Jennifer needs him around all the time and she won't stand for him being chained up. So the dog has his own chair near the director, and Jennifer also has a doggy masseuse tend to Norman every day."

Aniston ensures 13-year-old Norman is walked three times a day, and is given meals from the actors' catering van.

The source added: "She even insists that Norman eat with the crew and that he's fed organic, human-grade food. So Jennifer's assistant has special plates made up by the caterer with free-range white meat chicken and organic rice. Norman eats healthier and better than most humans."

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Madonna just a friend: Jesus

DENIAL Jesus Luz has spoken out about his relationship with Madonna for the first time. "She is my friend, only my friend," the model told Brazilian TV show Fantastico. "Madonna is a person who I admire very much, a friend who has entered my life and (with whom) I keep in contact. I cannot say anything more than I don't have plans of marrying her. I can't say if she is the woman in my life."

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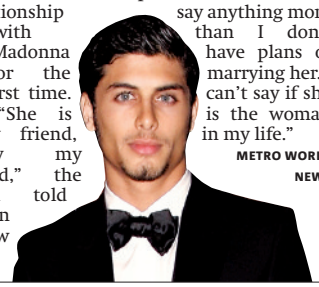

MJ's spending out of control?

MO' MONEY, MO' PROBLEMS Michael Jackson has been forced to delay the start of his run of shows this summer in London, rescheduling three of the performances for next year. The delay has nothing to do with Jackson's rumoured health problems.

"Michael is ready for this and ready to do it right," show director Kenny Ortega said, according to Voice of America. Meanwhile, a lawsuit from a former lawyer has exposed some of Jackson's outlandish spending habits, including nearly $8 million US on statues of Peter Pan and children playing in just the last few years.

"Mr. Jackson's pattern has been to spend to the brink of insolvency and then borrow against his assets to further feed his spending," former lawyer Raymone Bain said, according to the Sun.

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Boyle? Big deal: Lily

JEALOUSY? Lily Allen doesn't see what the big deal is about Susan Boyle, usmagazine.com reports.

Last weekend, the 48-year-old Scottish singer landed in the final round of Britain's Got Talent after beating out seven other performers by belting out Memory from the musical Cats.

But Allen said (via Twitter), "I thought her timing was off on Britain's Got Talent on Sunday — no control, and I don't think she has an amazing voice."

"She can sing," Allen admitted, "but it's not about talent with her, is it?"

The Britain's Got Talent finale competition takes place this Saturday.

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Katie's acting leftovers

SUBSTITUTE Lindsay Lohan is getting back to work with the new film The Other Side. But it turns out she wasn't the director's first choice for the role — Katie Holmes was.

"Katie would call me from Berlin at 4 a.m. her time to go over ideas and notes," director David Michaels told E! News. "The result of our collaboration has tremendously improved the arc and dynamic of the lead character."

But Holmes decided to back out of the film when it looked like there wouldn't be enough funding.

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Dad again, Mel admits

HONESTY Mel Gibson stopped by to visit Jay Leno during his last week at the Tonight show and opened up about the recent end of his 28-year marriage.

"Look. When it's all said and done, I did a pretty good hatchet job on my marriage myself," Gibson said. "I'm to blame. If you're inclined to judge, put it here."

He also admitted that his Russian girlfriend, Oksana Grigorieva, is pregnant with his eighth child.

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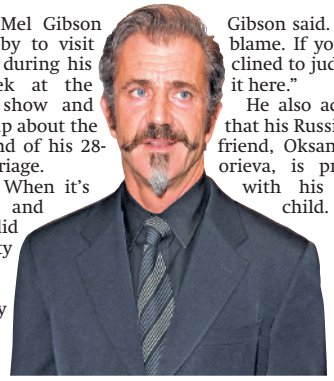

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Hewitt moving fast

QUITE A REBOUND Things seem to be heating up between Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy. The Ghost Whisperer co-stars, who have been dating for several months since Hewitt's split from former fiancé Ross McCall, were spotted buying "love bracelets" at Cartier, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

"They've also been shopping for an engagement ring for Jennifer," a source says. "She is simply a girl who always needs a man in her life and is getting nervous that she may have missed out on marriage and having a family."

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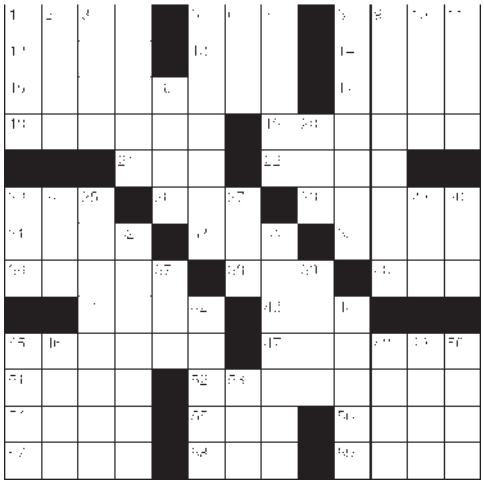

Crossword across

1 Bushy hairdo
5 "CSI" setting
8 Paraphernalia
12 Laugh-a-minute
13 Altar affirmative
14 "The Amazing —"
15 Solvency source
17 Sicilian spouter
18 Hard and cold
19 Whiteboard accessory
21 Knock
22 Platter
23 Bro or sis
26 Existed
28 Come together
31 Owl's sound
33 Homer's interjection
35 Gloomy
36 Give philanthropically
38 Directory info (Abbr.)
40 Ex, —, zee
41 Mongol tent
43 Chic no more
45 Undeveloped state
47 Boil
51 Sandwich shop
52 Movie about a 1950s scandal
54 Cupid's alias
55 Work with
56 Ripped
57 Small salamander
58 Listener
59 Catches some rays

Crossword down

1 Curved lines
2 Decree
3 Got up
4 "None of the above"
5 Frog's perch
6 Hubbub
7 Acknowledged applause
8 Lubricated
9 Submits humbly
10 Teenager's woe
11 Caboose's position
16 Imperfection
20 Edge
23 That girl
24 Charged bit
25 Damaging hit
27 Trinity member
29 Chap
30 Prior to
32 Sightseer
34 Indianan
37 Distort
39 Canal zone
42 Chef's hat
44 Criteria
45 Paradise
46 Unembellished
48 Grand
49 Trumpet, e.g.
50 Rams fans?
53 NAFTA signatory

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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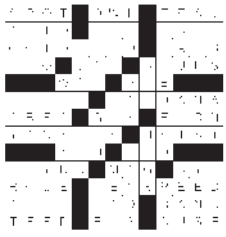

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9	8	4	7	3	1	2	5	6
6	3	7	5	2	4	8	9	1
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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spiced Couscous Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:

8 large tomatoes
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup (125 ml) (125 ml) flaked almonds.
1 small eggplant, diced
1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) ground cinnamon
1 cup (250 ml) boiling vegetable stock
3/4 cup (175 ml) couscous
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh mint
50 g dried apricots, chopped
1 tsp (5 ml) harissa (chili paste)
pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Cut tops off tomatoes and scoop out insides. Place tomatoes and cut-off tops on one side. Place seeds and scooped-out flesh in sieve set over small bowl and press with back of spoon to extract juices; you will need about 5 tbsp (75 ml) juice. Leave bowl of juice on one side and discard seeds and flesh.
2. Place hollowed-out tomatoes upside-down on plate covered with paper towel and leave to drain.
3. Heat. 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) olive oil in nonstick pot. Add flaked almonds and cook over low heat for 2–3 minutes or until golden-brown. Remove from pot with slotted spoon and set aside.
4. Add remaining oil to pot. Stir in eggplant and cook 5 minutes, turning frequently, until browned and tender. Stir in coriander, cumin and cinnamon, and cook a few more seconds, stirring constantly.
5. Pour in stock and bring to rapid boil, then add couscous in steady stream, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, cover, and leave to stand 5 minutes.
6. Uncover pan, return to low heat and cook 2–3 minutes, stirring with fork to separate grains. Stir in toasted almonds, mint and dried apricots. Add harissa to reserved tomato juices and stir, then pour over couscous. Add pepper and mix well. Spoon couscous mixture into tomatoes, replace tops and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be willing to make sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty but common sense tells you that you can't change the world on your own.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Jupiter in the career area of your chart means you are determined to prove to the world you have what it takes to succeed — and you will.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You are in no mood to let others dictate to you what you can and cannot believe in. Freedom of speech is non-negotiable.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
What someone offers you today may be tempting but think carefully before you agree to sign. You certainly won't get anything for free.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Partners and colleagues may have the upper hand at the moment but it won't do you any harm. What's good for them will be good for you too.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will get the chance to do well on the work front today, but don't get carried away. Be aware of your limits and don't push yourself too hard.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem remarkably confident at the moment, thanks to the influence of the Sun and Jupiter in positive areas of the sky. Put it to good use.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
No matter what you may have done wrong you will be forgiven, so admit you made a mistake. Say sorry — it's no big deal.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Cosmic activity in the most outgoing area of your solar chart will make it easy for you to meet new people and make new friends today.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
By all means splash out a bit today — if you can afford it. You have worked your socks off in recent weeks and you are entitled to enjoy what you earned.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't try to get approval for what you are about to do. It really does not matter if others support you or not.

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